

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 06 October 1999
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Video Wholesalers Ltd
 Title of Publication: Extreme Brazil Vol. #1
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Directors: Robyn Black, Tom Byron
 Producer: Not Stated
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
 Country of Origin: USA
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Extreme Brazil Vol. #1	Running time:	127.05
Trailers:	Safe Sex Notice	Running time:	1.02
	Video Wholesalers Notice		1.00
	Copyright Warning Notice		0.10
	Our Feature Presentation Notice		0.10
	Untitled Trailer		2.47
	Skin Nine Beautiful Blessings		1.58
	Cashmere		2.14
	The Voyeur #13 Live In Europe - Part #5		2.22
	Fresh Meat #7 "Take This Ass Home"		2.19
	Michael Zen's Stardust		2.20

Total Running time: 143.27

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Extreme Brazil Vol. #1* is classified as:
Objectionable.

It contains a feature and trailers explicitly depicting sexual activity. The feature follows a group of American men travelling around Brazil and having sex with prostitutes. There are seven separate sex scenes of male-to-female sexual activity interspersed with lengthy sequences showing the men interacting with each other and talking to the camera.

The feature contains many degrading and demeaning elements in the treatment of women. Throughout the feature the men treat the Brazilian women in a degrading and contemptuous manner. They do this in a number of ways, the most prevalent being the continual referencing of women as "whores", "sluts" and "pigs", often to their faces. These references are sometimes used in conjunction with degrading sexual conduct such as ejaculating onto the woman's face whilst squealing like a pig. The degrading elements are continuous and of such a strong degree as to dominate the video recording. The likely injury to the public good derives from the availability of these elements in the video recording, particularly the degrading of women, as sexually arousing material for the entertainment of male viewers.

Under s32 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, excisions to most of the scenes were considered in order to lessen the degrading impact. However, the Classification Office considers that excising the more extreme examples of sexual conduct of a degrading nature for example would not substantially reduce the degrading effect that the video recording has upon women.

The extent, degree and manner of the degrading elements of the video recording are such that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good. An objectionable classification is therefore a reasonable and justifiable limitation on the rights and freedoms in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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